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Of great riches there is no real use,  
except in the distribution; the rest is  
conceit.—Bacon.

### Russia and the Public.

The incapacity of the average mind for continued interest in any one topic alone explains the apathy with which the general public view present conditions in Russia. Nor is it an unusual criticism that mankind at large fails to appreciate the full significance of impending changes while the transformation is taking place. In Paris just before the revolution, life was as gay and spirited as if no cataclysmic calamity was impending. In Havana the same public indifference to the trend of events was noted just before the United States intervened. And to-day even in St. Petersburg and Moscow, to say nothing of Paris, Rome, Berlin or Washington, the people are eating and drinking and going to circuses and theatres just as the State prisons were not jammed with political suspects, and the police, the reactionary nobility, the Czar, the bureaucrats, going in terror of their lives—while uncounted thousands of patriots are seeking the chance of death by bomb or handgrenade if only one more "cause of progress" can be slain, and one more "hero" honored.

Yet between these armed and lightning camps the people at large live in what-for-the-moment and despondency they can summon. But their refusal, even in Moscow, to recognize the impulsive gulf between the revolutionary and the court party does not remote Russia.

The nation of the west was big, since revised, and a hopeless division in sentiments, ideals and whole-souled convictions has taken place among the Russian people. From the Caucasus to the Gulf of Bothnia, generals who "pacify" with artillery are assassinated by bombs. Baby-hating, class hatred, political theories, and personal sufferings are driving the terrorists to more and more murders.

On the other hand, the court party, with utter desperation is "pressing" all circumstances, hazing or immuring all disturbances, and making a desert where it cannot make peace.

While this phantasmatism of assassination and destruction goes on, the people seem forgetful; but some day there will be a volcanic awakening, and Russia will emerge from the throes of her present tribulation a new country. Then all will point to the now unknown signs of that impressive end.

### Government Ownership.

Mr. Harriman says the railroad men of the country do not fear government ownership because they know that the people are too sensible to commit the railroad industry to the cumbersome operation of government.

"For example," said he, in a recent interview, "the business of the country is just now suffering from a lack of transportation facilities, in one form or another, despite the fact that the railroads have expended unheeded sums to meet the growing demands made upon them."

Supposing this condition existed with government ownership. What opportunity, do you think, the public would have of speedily getting additional facilities of transportation, roads, etc., depended on congressional action, which is likely to be exceeding slow?—Washington Post.

It is gratifying to note from figures just given that the public would have of the white children, despite the fact that the California law forbids this association, there are many cases where the children, in their long, long journey across the continent, have been separated from their parents.

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It is reported that some of the saloons in Richmond are raising money to fight the Unfair ordinance proposed. If they will take the advice of The Times-Dispatch, they will do nothing of the kind.

The Unfair ordinance is entirely reasonable, and it is going through.

If the saloon men are wise, they will accept the inevitable gravity and faithfully observe the regulation after it shall have been adopted. They fight it and an angry public sentiment, they will succeed only in making trouble for themselves.

The Standard Oil Company has just paid an \$1,000,000 for land in Indiana, which cost him \$100,000. Now, who says the S. O. I. is not patriotic?

Los Angeles complains that it has a baron who steals valuable oil paintings. Some cities know how well how to advertise their culture.

### Pure Elections in Virginia.

In discussing the threatened conflict in the Fifth District, The Times-Dispatch remarked that Judge Saunders had nothing to fear as the election was fair and honest and above suspicion. In the same connection, we congratulated the people of Virginia that the long and hard-fought battle in the interest of pure elections throughout the State had finally resulted in a glorious triumph.

The Blackstone Courier, one of the stanchest Democratic newspapers in the

State, reproduces the article, and adds this comment:

"When we look upon this change it is with a pardonable pride that the Courier takes in the fact that it was one of the first, if not the first, paper in the state to urge a new Constitution for this very object. When the proposition was first defeated we did not lose hope nor drop it. We kept fighting for what we regarded as the only solution for the then perplexing problem. But in the words of the distinguished admiral, 'there is glory enough for us all,' and we now have no words of censure for any who did not agree with us then. We all agree now."

Undoubtedly so. The Courier rendered valiant service in this great reform, as did other honest newspapers. It was a glorious victory and all of us who took part in the fight are proud to know that we were in the legion of honor.

### The Chickens Have Gone Home.

The New York Evening Post believes that the President's order disarming negro soldiers from the service was withheld until election day, lest its earlier promulgation should have caused negroes to vote against Republican nominees, especially the President's son-in-law.

Perhaps all of our readers do not realize what an important factor the negro voter has now become in the Northern and Western States. According to the census of 1900, negroes of voting age in some of these States were as follows:

California	3,731
Colorado	3,235
Connecticut	4,576
Illinois	29,782
Indiana	14,386
Kansas	14,695
Massachusetts	19,458
Michigan	5,183
New Jersey	22,474
New York	31,425
Ohio	31,253
Pennsylvania	51,688

Since 1890 there has been a steady flow of negro voters from South to North, and the probability is that the number in each of the States named has considerably increased in six years. With the white vote anything like evenly divided in any of these States, it is plain to see that the negro voters would hold the balance of power. No wonder the Republican party is anxious here in those "faithful states"! The pretty part of it is that negro enfranchisement is now bothering the North far more than it is bothering the South. The chickens have gone home to roost, and they are roosting high.

### Tobacco Pipes.

Tobacco has its distinct niche in literature. A library shelf could be filled with printed tributes to the most fragrant of words. Mr. Kipling has hymned the praise of the cigar in one of the best known of his novels, and Mr. Barry, in his younger days, had a whole book upon the shrine of his adored Arcadia mixture. Smokers' anthologies are to be had at the bookstores nowadays, singing the joys of the pipe, the cigar and even the gloved cigarette in many a pretty roundelay. But all this literature is mere banality and loving. There is little that is useful about it, little that is of any real help to the smoker. Now comes Mr. Chauncey Thomas in the Technical World, with an article upon the tobacco pipe which has a real practical value.

Mr. Thomas sets himself to find out what is the real difference between a good pipe and a bad one. He finds it in a single word—"draft." In a pipe made on the right principles, he tells us, "the hole in the stem meets the bowl at the very bottom and in the centre, thus forming a perfect and even draft." A perfect draft means a complete and even burning of the tobacco, and that, and nothing else, means a good smoke. In a badly-made pipe, the hole in the stem meets the bowl above the bottom, or away from the centre, or both. The result of this is uneven burning, with distillation from the unburned but highly heated tobacco out of the line of draft—"the total mixture," in Mr. Thomas's words, "being something to weep and cough over." The bowl should be narrow and deep, so that all the tobacco may be as nearly as possible in direct line with the draft. The "yeke," commonly known to improve a pipe's smoking qualities, keeps the bore unburned and even dimensions, and acts as a conservator of smoking.

The undertakers out at Estate have found a way to reduce the price of funerals. That is running the trust business into the ground.—Washington Post.

**POINTS FROM PARAGRAPHERS.**

PULTNEY Bigelow need not worry over the action that he will be forgotten and left behind. The Phoenix Club is plotted. Very few of the present generation are going to escape a like fate.—Washington Post.

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**How the Quarrel Started.**

He burrowed: "You know you married me for my money." She: "No, darling, it was your many beauty and sweet, winsome qualities that won my affections."—Illustrated Blitz.

**Ticked.**

Bacon: "I see in some parts of Ireland a child's wooden chair is placed around the child to keep him from sitting. I wonder if there think that ought to tickle the child almost to death."—Yonkers Statesman.

**Silver Tea.**

The silver tea given Friday afternoon and evening in the home of Mrs. W. T. Glavin, No. 266 Park Avenue, under the auspices of Circle No. 2 of the Second Empire Building Fund Association, was a great success, both socially and financially.

The parlors and table were prettily decorated with holiday colors, holly and evergreens. Mr. Thomas Starkie afforded much merriment by reading his first composition, entitled "A Horse." Others who delightfully entertained the guests were Misses Branch, Sutherland, Mary Evans and Katherine Stanton, Captain Cunningham and Mr. Keeler.

Delightful refreshments were served by the following young ladies: Misses Rosa Smith, Belle Williamson, Maude Starkie, Elizabeth Crum, Blanche Booth, Miss Williams, Araminta Smith.

**Luncheon for Soldiers.**

The Junior Hollywood Memorial Association will give a luncheon to the Confederate soldiers of the Home at Randolph Hall on Wednesday, at 12 o'clock.

The committee appointed are: Reception—Mrs. N. V. Randolph, Miss Helen Poole, Miss Isolene Misner, Miss Minnie Baumhamer, Mrs. George A. Lyons, Mrs. W. S. Copeland.

Refreshments—Mrs. R. A. Blenner, Miss Rosalie Hill, Miss Annie Gray, Miss Anna Hoykin, Miss Annie Blanchard, Mrs. W. M. Wade.

Cookery and Decorating—Mrs. H. H. Fitzhugh and Miss Elizabeth Townes.

Serving Committee—Miss Rena Gribble, Mrs. Lillian Thaw, Miss Lillian Thaw, Miss Alice McKinley, Miss Rosalie Hill, Miss Sarah Baumhamer, Miss Helen McIntyre, Miss Lois Christian, Miss Lindsay Powers, Miss Rosalie Sedden, Miss Katherine Waddell, Miss Mary Thaw, Miss Alice Thaw, Miss Lillian Thaw, Miss Lillian Thaw, Miss Page Grinnell, Miss Carrie Kidd, Miss Lucy Atkinson, Miss Nora Randolph, Miss Meta Randolph, Miss Maria Jones, Miss Elsie Boykin, Miss Ellen Burgo.

All members of the association, not appointed on special committees, are requested to report at Randolph Hall at 12 o'clock also, that they may assist in serving.

Contributions should be sent to the Soldiers' Home early Wednesday morning.

Inquiries in regard to it may be made of the president of the association, Miss M. B. Bangham of No. 130 Grove Avenue, phone 4322.

**A Notable Anniversary.**

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Having raised wages 10 per cent because of the great increase in the cost of living, the railroads now announce that they will raise freight rates 10 per cent, to meet the extra expense. And the last of April is more than four months off. —Philadelphia North American.

Governor Hobart's plurality came nearer being a failure than anything Kansas has raised this year.—Toledo Blade.

**COMMENT OF VIRGINIA EDITORS.**

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